

2010 State Damage Prevention Program Grants Progress Report
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Award Number: *DTPH56-10-G-PHPS10*

Project Title: *Mississippi Public Service Commission State Damage Prevention*

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Specific Objective(s) of the Agreement

Under this grant agreement, the Mississippi Public Service Commission will produce and distribute an interactive DVD/Web based training program targeted to operators, excavators, one-call personnel, contract locators, design engineers and other stakeholders.

Workscope

Under the terms of this grant agreement, the Grantee will address the following elements listed in 49 USC 60134 through the actions it has specified in its Application.

Element (4) Participation by operators, excavators and other stakeholders in the development and implementation of effective employee training programs to ensure that operators, the one call center, the enforcing agency and the excavators have partnered to design and implement training for the employees of operators, excavators and locators.

Accomplishments for this period (Item 1 under Article IX, Section 9.01 Progress Report: “A comparison of actual accomplishments to the objectives established for the period.”)

The objective of this project is to produce an interactive educational DVD/Web based program designed to address Element 4 of the Nine Elements. During this period, the contractor, ACTS Now, has been awarded the contract to produce the program. ACTS confirms that the work is progressing on schedule and is now involved in Phase 2 of the project. Phase 1 involved the appointment of a committee consisting of industry stakeholders to determine content and direction of the multimedia program. Phase 1 also involved the development of the scripts and video storyboarding. The scripts developed in Phase 1 are currently being tailored to the on-site audio and video recordings of the targeted stakeholders. Other content development/production elements of Phase 2 are in various stages of completion and on schedule.

Quantifiable Metrics/Measures of Effectiveness (Item 2 under Article IX, Section 9.01 Project Report: “Where the output of the project can be quantified, a computation of the cost per unit of output.”)

Cannot not be measured until the project is completed and implemented

Issues, Problems or Challenges (Item 3 under Article IX, Section 9.01 Project Report: “The reasons for slippage if established objectives were not met. “)

There are no issues, problems or challenge to report.

Mid-term Financial Status Report

The mid-term financial report has been sent as a separate attachment to the AA.

Plans for Next Period (Remainder of Grant)

The project will be completed and implemented by the end of the year. The training module will be available both via web and interactive DVD. The Mississippi Damage Prevention Committee (MDPC) is working with other stakeholders to issue appropriate training credit (CEUs) for successful completion of the module.

Requests of the AOTR and/or PHMSA

No actions requested at this time